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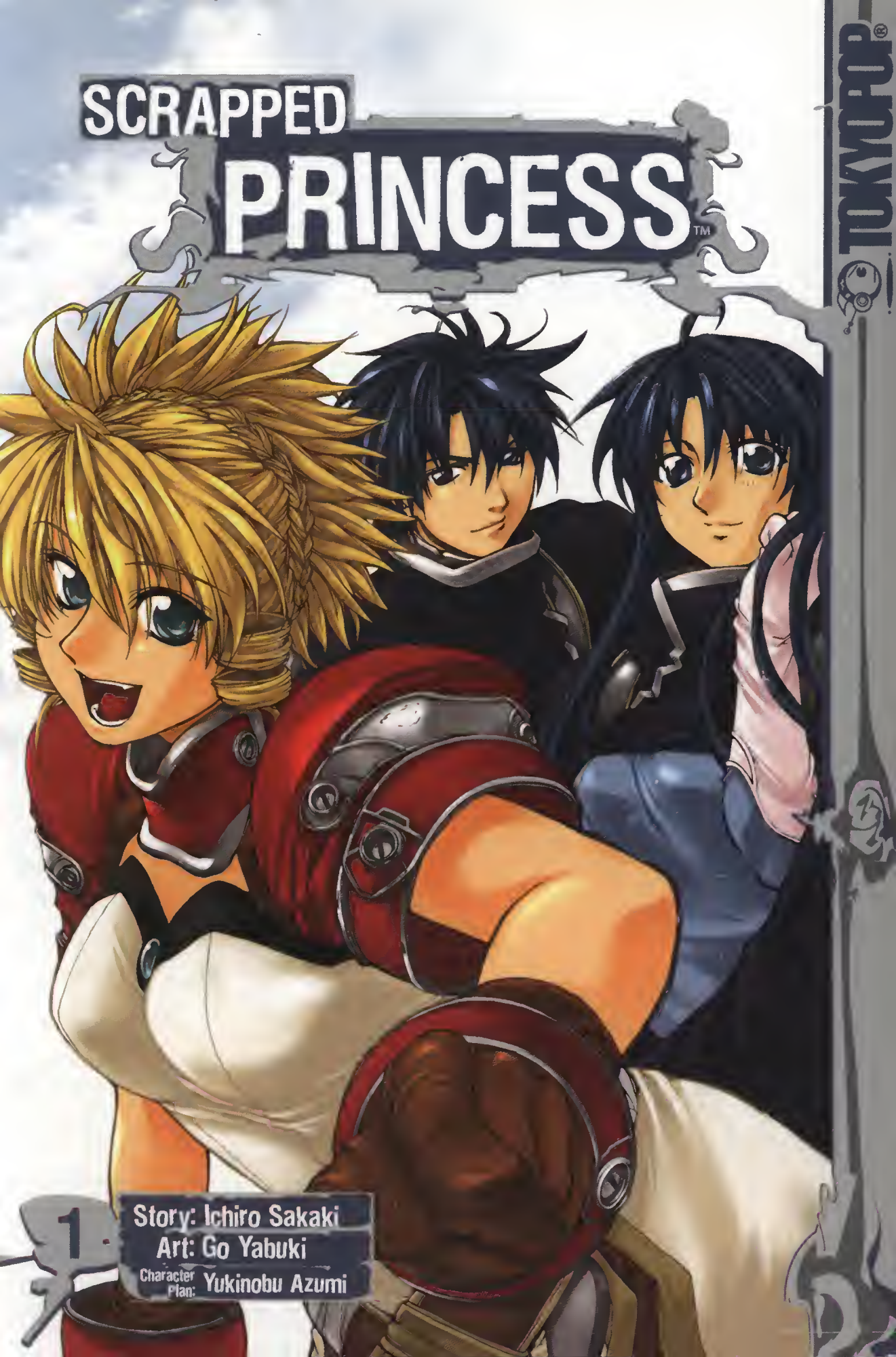

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MAN, THIS PATH IS ROUGH!
UNNGH!
NO KIDDING!
UNNNGH!
WE'VE BEEN RIDING ON THIS BUMPY PATH FOR SO LONG, I FEEL LIKE MY BUTT'S GONNA EXPLODE!
YOU SAID IT WAS ONLY A LITTLE FARTHER TO THE TOWN AND WE'RE NOT THERE YET!
HATE TO SAY I TOLD YOU SO, BUT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CHOSE THIS PATH.
WHAT WAS THAT?!
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM YOU, MUSCLES-FOR-BRAINS SHANNON-NII! EVEN THE WORDS COMING OUT OF YOUR MOUTH ARE ALL SWEATY!!
HEY, LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE
OH, WHAT LOVELY WEATHER...
YOUR BUTT'S GETTING TONED AS WE SPEAK I'M HAPPY THAT MY SISTER IS FINALLY GETTING INTO SHAPE FOR ONCE!

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ASSASSINATION OF THE SCRAPPED PRINCESS... I NEVER THOUGHT THAT I WOULD GET SUCH A CRUCIAL ASSIGNMENT AS MY FIRST MISSION!
I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO BECOME A KNIGHT, LIKE I PROMISED MY LITTLE BROTHER... IN MY FAMILY'S HONOR...
...I CANNOT FAIL!
HEY, ONEE-CHAN, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?

SO SAYS THE SIXTH ORACLE OF ST. GRENDEL...
...OF THE TWINS WHICH SPRING FROM THE QUEEN'S WOMB...
YOU MUST KILL THE GIRL AT ONCE!
...ON THE DAY APPOINTED BY DESTINY!
SHE WILL CREATE MOUNTAINS OF CORPSES AND RIVERS OF BLOOD...
SHE WILL BE THE POISON THAT DESTROYS THIS WORLD.

I'M GONNA BE A KNIGHT SO I CAN PROTECT YOU... AND THE WORLD!

SHUT UP THE TREES AROUND HERE ARE VERY DAMP
WOW, SHANNON-NII, YOU SUCK AT THAT!
AGH!

OH, LITTLE SISTER. YOU SHOULD LEARN TO THINK A LITTLE MORE.
OH? YOU GOT A BETTER IDEA?

NO ONE'S GIVEN UP. I'M NOT AS SIMPLE-MINDED AS YOU.
AND YOU'D GIVE UP OVER THAT? WHAT'LL WE DO FOR DINNER?! WHAT A WIMP!!

I THINK WE JUST NEED TO MAKE THE FIRE BIGGER.

OFFICIALLY A KNIGHT OF THE KINGDOM...
NEXT!

SHE WILL BE THE POISON THAT DESTROYS THIS WORLD, HUH?
YOUR FIRST OBJECTIVE IS THE DESTRUCTION OF THE SCRAPPED PRINCESS. AT SUCH TIME AS IS DEEMED POSSIBLE, YOU ARE TO RETURN WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HER AND HER GUARDIANS.

UGH.
UH.. WELL. I GUESS WE FORGOT SHE HASN'T DONE MAGIC IN A WHILE
ズニィィィ
WH-WHA-WHAT?!
ヒロロ

IT SHOULD HAVE WORKED.
MMM
ANYWAY, I DON'T CARE IF YOU USE CHARCOAL OR WHAT, BUT PLEASE, JUST MAKE IT THE NORMAL WAY!

AND I'M ALWAYS THE ONE WHO HAS TO CLEAN UP ALL THIS STUFF. WHAT A PAIN!
IT'D BE MUCH EASIER IF I COULD JUST TRY IT AGAIN
ニュウウウ
OH WELL. I'D BETTER GO BEFORE THERE'S MORE TROUBLE.
YOU STILL SAY THAT... AFTER LOOKING AT THIS?!

WHERE AM I SUPPOSED TO LOOK?
LISTEN TO ME!!
WA-WAIT!
RAQUEL-NEE!
HMM?
.....

A WEAPON!!
THAT MAN IS HOLDING...
SCARED, FRAGILE WOMEN...
?!
WHAT ON EARTH WAS THAT?
IT COULDN'T BE...LIKE THAT TIME
BANDITS ARE USING EXPLOSIVES TO ATTACK TRAVELERS?
AH!!
WHAT'S THAT?!

CURSED BANDIT!!

DON'T PLAY INNOCENT!
BANDIT?!

LET THOSE WOMEN GO!
I'M REALLY SORRY. THAT MUST HAVE SURPRISED YOU--I MEAN...

HERE I COME!
ROYAL KNIGHT RECITA!

OH, COME ON! IF WE COULD JUST TALK, I'M SURE YOU'D UNDER-STAND!
THERE'S NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT!!
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE IT WOULD BE BETTER NOT TO DRAW MY SWORD.
THERE'S BLOODLUST IN HER BLADE!!
WHA--?!
NO, WAIT! LISTEN!
UGH!!
THIS... IS A BIG MISUNDER-STANDING!
PLEASE! CALM DOWN AND LISTEN TO ME!!

MY YOUNGER BROTHER!
...MY OLDER BROTHER!

!
STOP! HE'S...

BROTHER?

AAHH!
WHY WAS THERE AN EXPLOSION?
UM... WELL, WHILE WE WERE EATING...
OY...
I DIDN'T PUT THE POT ON THE FIRE
GIVE IT UP ALREADY!
I GUESS I'LL JUST USE MAGIC TO .
I SEE

OH, NO. YOU COULDN'T HELP IT.
I ATTACKED WITHOUT HEARING HIM OUT.
I AM TRULY SORRY.
SEEING SOMEONE AS UNFRIENDLY AND VILLAINOUS AS HIM...
HMM?
THEY GET ALONG REALLY WELL, DON'T THEY?
YES, OF COURSE
STOP THAT, DEAR BROTHER.
OH? I DON'T THINK YOU REALIZE IT, BUT RIGHT NOW, YOU HAVE THE MOST VILLAINOUS FACE OF ALL OF US.

NO. THEY'VE PASSED ON. WHEN IT HAPPENED, WE GOT RID OF EVERYTHING, SO WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A PLACE TO GO BACK TO.
BUT...
EVERYTHING THAT'S IMPORTANT IS RIGHT HERE.

IT'S RECITA.
BY THE WAY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE AT NIGHT ALL BY YOURSELF? UMM..
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SHE SUSPECTS US
SOUNDS TERRIBLE.
I'M ON A MISSION. I'M LOOKING FOR A SUSPICIOUS GROUP OF THREE PEOPLE. THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE REAL DEVILS. OR SOMETHING
OH, WELL. WE DON'T LIKE TO STAY IN THE SAME PLACE FOR TOO LONG.
WHY ARE YOU ALL TRAVELING, SHANNON-SAN?
ARE YOUR PARENTS STILL AROUND?

I NEVER EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A KNIGHT UNTIL BANDITS ATTACKED MY FAMILY.
MY BELOVED FATHER AND MOTHER... AND LITTLE BROTHER...
I LOST EVERYTHING IMPORTANT TO ME.

SHANNON-NII! DINNER'S READY.
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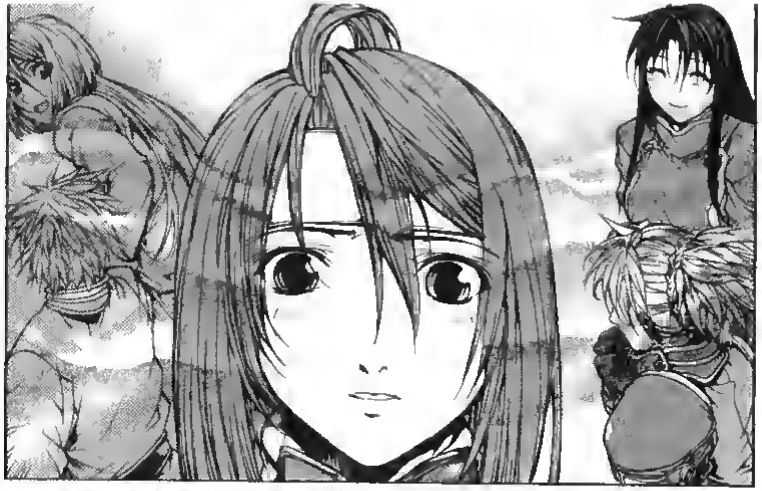


WHY?
WHEN YOU POINTED YOUR SWORD AT ME, YOUR ACTIONS WERE TOO EMOTIONAL FOR THOSE OF A KNIGHT.

THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU. MAY I?
AHH. YES. SURE.

.....

.....
NO—THANK YOU. IT WAS ONLY ONE DAY, BUT IT WAS FUN!
WELL THEN.. I'M GOING TO JOIN MY REGIMENT. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING.
I DON'T KNOW IF WE'LL MEET AGAIN, BUT TAKE CARE.
CAPTAIN
ARE THOSE FRIENDS OF YOURS?

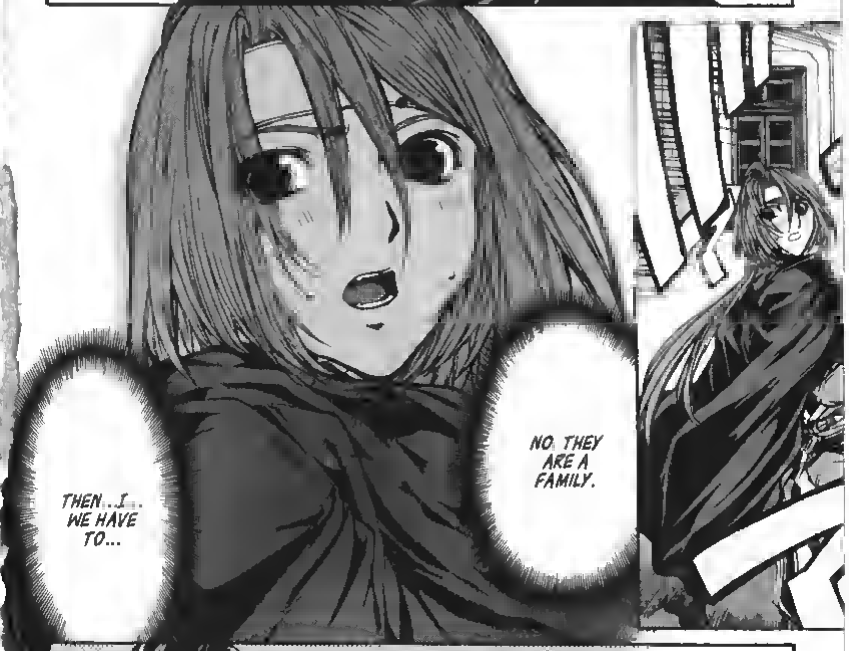
COME ON
HURRY, HURRY!
HAVE DINNER WITH US, RECIT A-SAN.
THAT'S BECAUSE IT'S A RELAY POINT TO INLAND TRADE
WHOA!
THIS IS A PRETTY BIG TOWN.

...ARE OUR TARGETS.
THE THREE PEOPLE YOU WERE JUST TALKING TO...

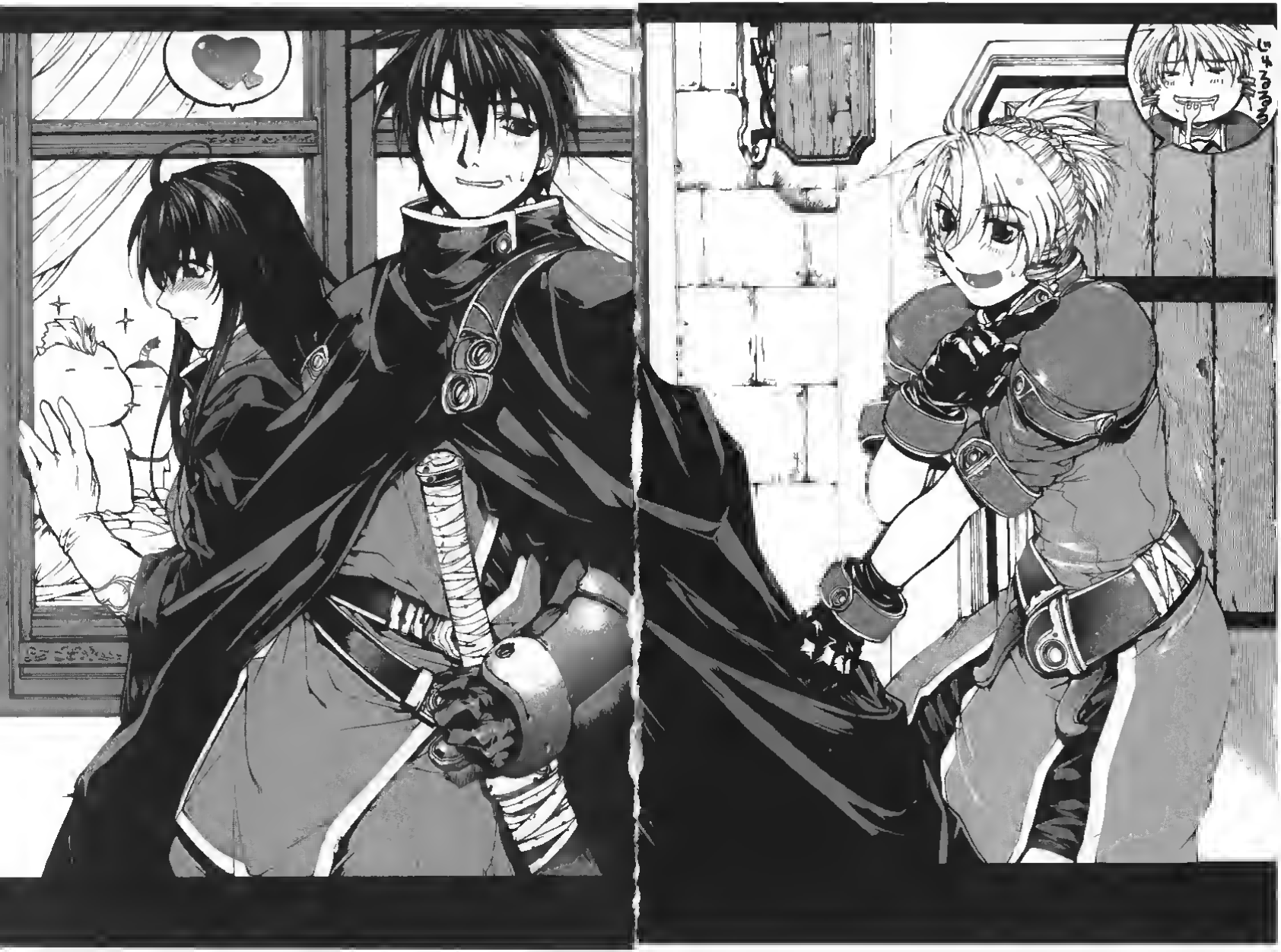
NO. THOSE SIBLINGS ARE THE POISON THAT WILL DESTROY THE WORLD?
THE ONES WE HAVE TO KILL?

THE SCRAPPED PRINCESS?!!

THE SCRAPPED PRINCESS!
THAT GIRL IS OUR TARGET.


THEN...I... WE HAVE TO...
NO. THEY ARE A FAMILY.

..KILL THEM?!



COUGH!
...SUUFII-KUN WAS...
AHHH. IN MY DREAM
?
ENOUGH ABOUT DREAMS.
THERE'S SOMETHING WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT.
IT'S ABOUT RECITA--THE ROYAL KNIGHT FROM YESTERDAY.
I THOUGHT AT THE TIME...
. IT WOULD BE BETTER NOT TO SAY ANYTHING.

THIS WAS MADE JUST FOR ME.
THE WALLS ARE COVERED IN MARBLE, THERE'S A BATH IN MY ROOM, AND HOT WATER COMES FROM THE LION'S MOUTH!
IT'S SO WONDER-FUL!
WHAT ARE YOU MUM■LING ABOUT? DID YOU HIT YOUR HEAD ON SOMETHING?
I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF LIVING IN LUXURY!! AND SOMETIMES DREAMS ARE ALL A GIRL HAS!
SHUT UP, SHANNON-NI!

WELL, THERE'S THAT, BUT YOU MAY HESITATE AND THAT WOULD DRAG EVERYONE DOWN.
YES, SIR!
YES, SIR. WE WOULDN'T WANT THEM TO RECOGNIZE ME.
THEY WILL PROBABLY BE LEAVING HERE TOMORROW AT THE LATEST. YOU WILL BE IN THE REAR GUARD FOR THE ATTACK.
I BECAME A KNIGHT TO HELP PEOPLE LEAD HAPPY LIVES, AND YET...
...BUT WHAT ABOUT THE HAPPINESS OF THOSE SIBLINGS?!!
...THIS MISSION CERTAINLY WOULD PROTECT PEOPLE'S HAPPINESS...

SAY IT!
YES, SIR
SO, NOT REALIZING THAT THEY WERE OUR TARGET, YOU TOLD THEM YOUR MISSION?
BUT...
YES, SIR. I'M SORRY, SIR
COULD IT BE SOME KIND OF MISTAKE?!
FROM WHAT I SAW OF THOSE THREE, I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE THE ONES WHO WILL LEAD THE WORLD TO DESTRUCTION.
KILLING THE SCRAPPED PRINCESS WILL END THE WORLD'S CRISIS. IT WILL SAVE PEOPLE'S LIVES.
THE ORACLE OF ST. GRENDEL HAS ONLY BEEN WRONG TWICE. THE POSSIBILITY OF IT BEING A MISTAKE IS LOW.

YEAH.
IT'S HARD TO MAKE FRIENDS ONCE PEOPLE FIND OUT WHO WE ARE, THEY DISTANCE THEMSELVES.
PACIFICA'S TAKING THIS HARD.
I AM
.....

THE NEXT TIME WE SEE RECITA, WE MIGHT BE FIGHTING HER.
THAT WOULD REALLY UPSET PACIFICA.

COULD YOU FACE HER IN A BATTLE? WE ONLY SPENT ONE DAY WITH HER BUT... WOULDN'T THIS BE YOUR FIRST TIME FIGHTING SOMEONE YOU KNOW?
SHANNON

YES. LET'S BUY SOME SUPPLIES AND GET OUT OF HERE!
BOTH SIDES KNOW WHAT THE OTHER LOOKS LIKE.
...AND WELL... THAT'S THE GIST OF IT.

I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO FIGHT SOMEONE WE KNOW...AND ARE FRIENDS WITH
THAT WOULD BE REALLY AWFUL.
YEAH, SINCE WE FINALLY GET BEDS! WELL, GOOD NIGHT.
WELL, AT LEAST WE CAN GET PLENTY OF REST TONIGHT.

HEY
LOOK, SHANNON! THAT'S SO CUTE!
SHEESH. HEY, RAQUE--
HEY, TOMBOY PRINCESS, DON'T BE TOO EXCITED YOU'LL STAND OUT.
HA HA HA HA!

LET'S SLIP INTO THE CROWD AND GET CLOSER.
OKAY. IT'S JUST LIKE IN THE REPORT

TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH...IT WOULD BE HARD. BUT IF I DON'T, PACIFICA WILL BE IN DANGER. I DON'T REALLY HAVE A CHOICE.

I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY, RAQUEL. IF I HAVE ANY HESITATIONS, I CAN'T PROTECT HER.

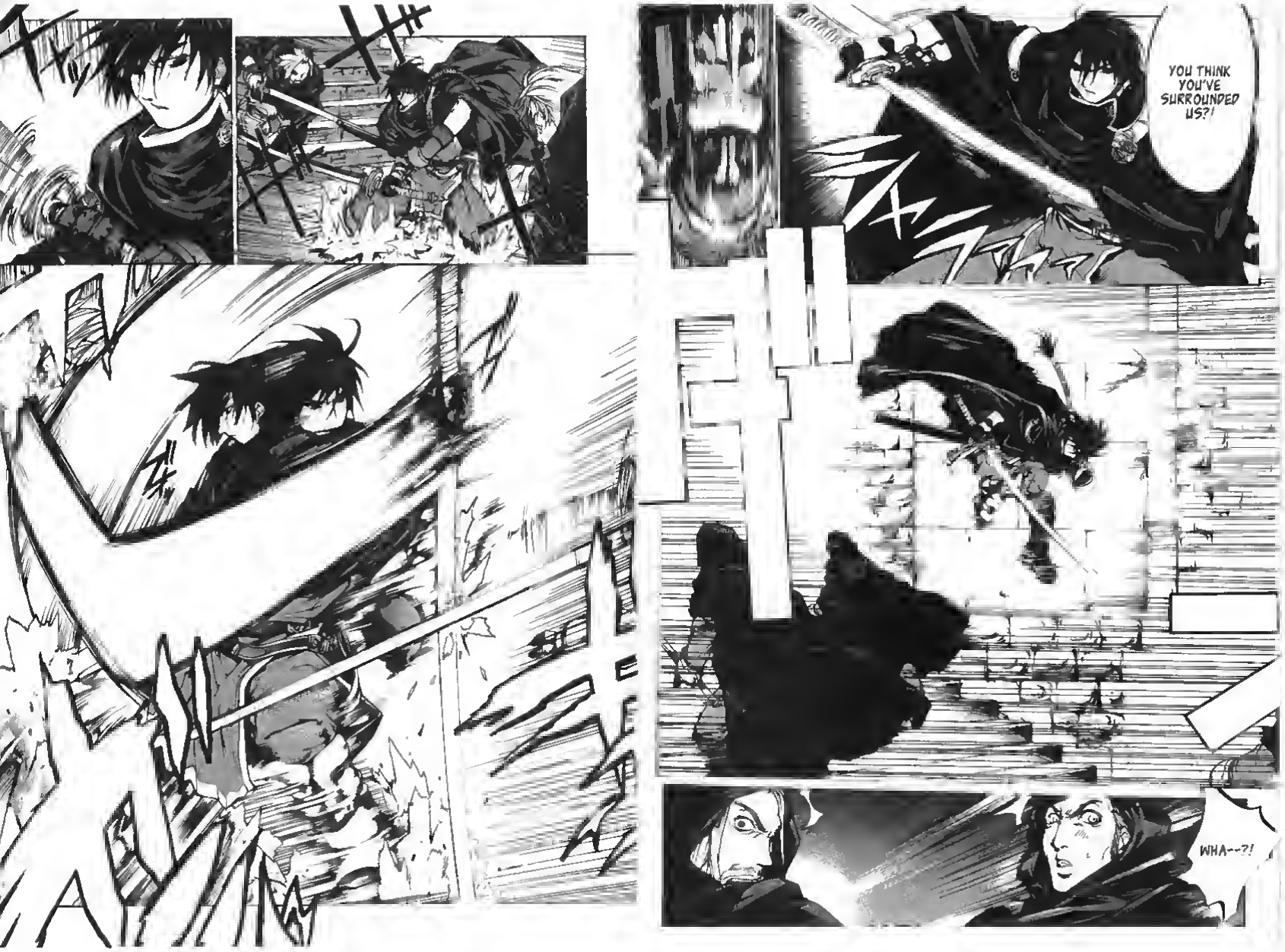
AAHH--
.....

YEP.
LET'S JUST PRAY THAT WE'RE NOT DISCOVERED.

WE KNOW YOU'RE HIDING, SO SHOW YOUR-SELVES.
SOON, THEN?
OKAY.
FACIFICA, STAY WITH RAQUEL!

YES!
RAQUEL...

...NEAR PACIFICA!!
ATTACK!!
I WON'T LET YOU...


YOU THINK YOU'VE SURROUNDED US?!
WHA--?!

THIS SPELL... IT CAN'T BE... A FIRST-CLASS TACTICAL MILITARY ATTACK SPELL!
SHE COULDN'T... A START-UP SPELL?!
MASTER OF THE RAGING THUNDER
ROARING ONE
LORD THAT BURNS THE HEAVENS CLAD IN PALE LIGHTNING
COME FORTH, SUUFII-KUN!
TO YOUR WARRIOR'S OATH AND COVENANT

GAH!
HOW IS HE SO FAST?
OBSTRUCT!
WALL...

HOW COULD EVERYONE IN THE REGIMENT BE GONE IN JUST SECONDS?!
I WON'T LET THEM ALL DIE LIKE DOGS!!
I CAN GET HER NOW, WHILE SHE'S ALONE.
DAMN!
THEN I ALONE SHALL FINISH THE TASK!

AS YOU CAN SEE, HE'S REALLY NOT THAT THREATENING ANYMORE, SO PLEASE RELAX
You left our supplies.
RAQUEL-EE, WHAT GOOD DOES IT DO TO FOLLOW THEM?
WAAAHH!!
NOW, SUU-FII-KUN! LEVEL TWO METAMORPHOSIS!!
WH-WHY?

?!
A DAGGER?!
IF ONLY I WAS STRONG LIKE HE IS...
I WON'T LET YOU KILL HER!
PLEASE, SAY YOUR PRAYERS !!
?!
WHAT AM I DOING?
THOSE EYES!
THEY LOOK JUST LIKE MY BROTHER'S DID WHEN
I DIDN'T WANT TO CARRY OUT THIS KIND OF JUSTICE!!

.....
I'M .. ALIVE?
?!

!!
UH
HUNGH

WHY DIDN'T YOU KILL US?

IF ONLY I COULD HAVE HAD A STRONG HEART LIKE THEM...
I'M SORRY!!
BUT NOW...

Pacifica-san apologized to me. The one who tried to take her life...
Those siblings chose their sister over the world. I think I can understand their feelings a little.
I CAN'T PROTECT MY BROTHER ANYMORE...
BUT I CAN STILL PROTECT THAT GIRL WITH THE SAME EYES!!

I.. WE WILL NEVER GIVE UP ON THAT "NORMALCY"!!
IF IT CAN END WITHOUT ANYONE GETTING HURT, IT'S BETTER THAT WAY. A LIFE WITHOUT KILLING...A NORMAL LIFE..
I'M SORRY
RELITA-SAN.
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BOTH OF YOU— RUN AS FAST AS YOU CAN!
GO NOW! RUN!!

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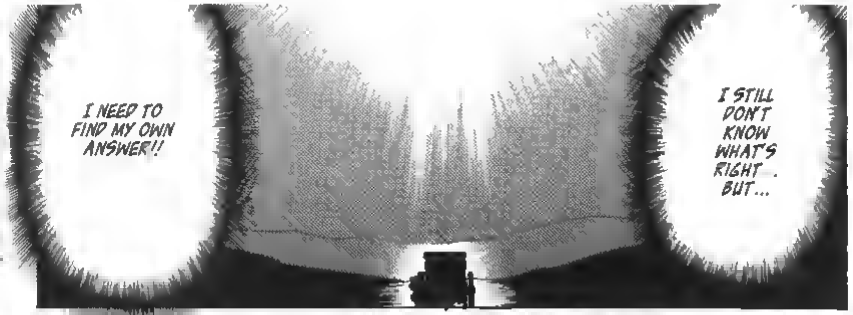
I NEED TO FIND MY OWN ANSWER!!
I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT'S RIGHT... BUT...

BEING WITH YOU AND RAQUEL IF OUR FAMILY IS TOGETHER AND IN GOOD SPIRITS...
AH? GOOD QUESTION
WHAT'S "NORMAL" LIKE TO YOU SHANNON-NII?
THAT'S NORMAL!
YEAH... YOU'RE RIGHT.

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THANK YOU.
YEAH.

BUT THIS TIME WE'RE UP AGAINST THOSE PURGERS.

BUT..
THAT DOESN'T MATTER TO US.
BECAUSE TO US, YOU..
THAT MAY BE SO

ARE PRECIOUS FAMILY.
WE WON'T LET YOU DIE BECAUSE OF SOME WEIRD ORACLE.

.....
.....?
SHANNON-NII, WHAT'S THAT?

WHY IS THIS CAVE GLOWING?
I DON'T THINK IT'S MAGIC.

YOEEEHH?!
?!
DO YOU SENSE ANYTHING, RAQUEL?
NOTHING.

THEY RID THEMSELVES OF THEIR EMOTIONS JUST SO THEY CAN FIGHT AGAINST THOSE WHO HAVE TURNED THEIR BACKS ON THE MAUSEL FAITH.
THEY REMOVE THEIR TARGET WITHOUT HESITATION.
AND WE'RE UP AGAINST TWELVE OF THEM.
AN OPPONENT SO TROUBLESOME THAT THE ROYAL KNIGHTS CAN'T EVEN COMPARE.

?!
WH-WHAT THE--?
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
AH!
HEY... WHAT WAS THAT?!
I THOUGHT WHAT WE SAW BEFORE WAS STRANGE NOW WE'RE IN A BUILDING?

YOEEEHH!
MAYBE EVEN THESE WALLS...

IT'S TOO BIZARRE.
I THOUGHT SO.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, PUTTING YOUR HEAD THROUGH ...?!
IN THAT CASE, ANYTHING GOES...
COULD IT BE THAT EVERYTHING WE'RE SEEING IN THIS CAVE IS AN ILLUSION?
INDEED!

ARE THERE SOME SORCERERS AROUND HERE? I CAN'T SENSE ANYONE.
YES.
RAQUEL, THEY'RE USING BARRIER MAGIC, AREN'T THEY?
WELL... I'M NOT GETTING ANYTHING

I STILL DON'T SENSE ANYONE.
THEN...
...WHO SHOWED US WHAT WE SAW EARLIER?
IT'S STRANGE
HMM... MAGIC ON THAT SCALE IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR ONE PERSON.

RAQUEL-NEE, WHAT IS THIS?
IT LOOKS LIKE THE SIX-WINGED LEGENDARY MAGICAL BEAST GOD DRAGON
SHANNON, THE PURGERS ARE HERE
BUT...
WE HAVE THE ADVANTAGE BEING IN HERE
OF COURSE
I THINK FOUR OF THEM ARE OUTSIDE AND EIGHT ARE COMING THIS WAY
INVESTIGATING. WHAT?
YOU GUYS MIND? I'M KIND OF INVESTIGATING
IT KINDA LOOKED LIKE THERE WAS A BODY GROWING FROM THE WALL IT WAS CREEPY!
IF WE'RE GOING TO FIGHT ANYWAY, THEN THIS PLACE WOULD GIVE US THE ADVANTAGE, WOULDN'T IT?
NOT YOU TOO, RAQUEL-NEE!!
WHY DON'T YOU LOOK TOO PACIFICA? YOU MIGHT SEE SOME INTERESTING THINGS!
EH?
THAT'S TRUE BUT...

ONE OF US IS ALL OF US.

THEY CAN'T EVEN SENSE MY PRESENCE I THINK MY PLAN CAN WORK!
JUST AS I THOUGHT. THEY CAN'T ADAPT. SO THEY'RE GETTING CONFUSED
HEY! LOOKING FOR SOMETHING?
ALL RIGHT... HERE I GO!!
HA♪
ALL OF US ARE ONE OF US.
HA♪
BY OUR FAITH WE ARE MADE ONE.

YEAH YOU, TOO!
BUT IF WE DON'T HURRY, WE'LL BE AT A DISADVANTAGE. TAKE CARE OF PACIFICA
SHANNON-NII. BE CAREFUL. OKAY?
YES.
SHANNON WILL BE ALL RIGHT. PACIFICA
I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT.

PLEASE, JUST FOLLOW ME!
YOUR TEAMWORK IS AMAZING. BUT WITHOUT IT...
...YOU MAY AS WELL BE HALF A MAN!

FOUR AGAINST ONE... HUH?

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HEY!!
RAQUEL-NEE!!
MJOLLNIR STRIKE!
YOU HORRIBLE, INHUMAN HITMEN! I'M OVER HERE!!
!!

PEOPLE OF FLAME, DANCE!
PACIFICA, YOU KNOW THE PLAN PLEASE.
YEAH, LEAVE IT TO ME!
?!

YEAH.
WE'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE, HAVEN'T WE?
MAN! I DON'T KNOW WHICH WAY WE'RE GOING.
NNNGH, EXIT.
UNNGH.
SHEESH. I'M GETTING TIRED OF THIS.
WE KEEP WALKING AND WALKING, BUT IT'S ALL JUST ILLUSIONS
YEAH. AND YOU'RE SO SENSITIVE WITH THAT VIOLENT TEMPER...
GIRLS ARE *SUPPOSED* TO BE SENSITIVE, SHANNON. YOU THINK YOU'RE SO MATURE, ACTING LIKE AN OLD MAN.
STOP JUMPING AT EVERY LITTLE THING! YOU SHOULD BE USED TO THIS BY NOW
SHUT UP!

PACIFICA! RAQUEL!! YOU GUYS ALL RIGHT?
THANKS TO PACIFICA
HEH HEH.
HA HA HA!
?
THERE ARE STILL SOME PURGERS LEFT. WE NEED TO FIND ANOTHER EXIT
OKAY.

I WONDER WHY THIS PLACE WAS CREATED?
ARE THE ILLUSIONS HERE TO PROTECT IT?
HMM...
LET'S KEEP GOING.
IT DOESN'T LOOK TOO DANGEROUS AND WE MIGHT LEARN SOMETHING IF WE GO IN

EH?
AAAUGH, C'MON!! WOULD SOMEONE PLEASE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THESE ILLUSIONS?!
THEY DISAP-PEARED....
IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A GATE THERE
HEY! WHEN DID YOU LEARN HOW TO USE SUCH A SPELL?
NO... I GET IT. THE EXPLOSIVE SHOUT OF PRINCESS SELFISH CAN EVEN BLOW AWAY ILLUSIONS?
AAAAHH! DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A MONSTER!!

HEY, SHANNON-NII, WHAT..
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OH MY!
WHA?

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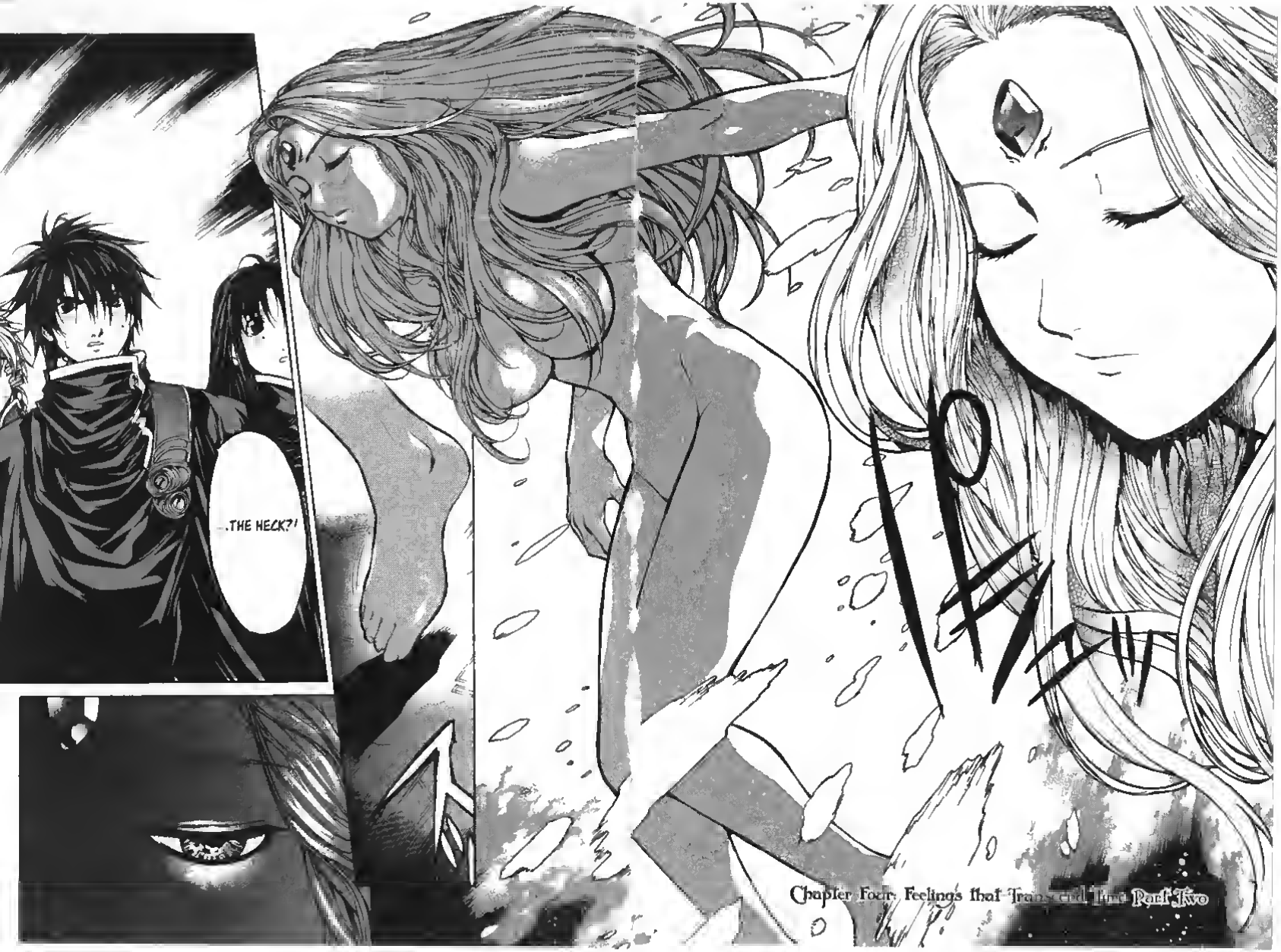
...THE HECK?!

THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO KNOW, YOU PERVERT!
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
AH
?

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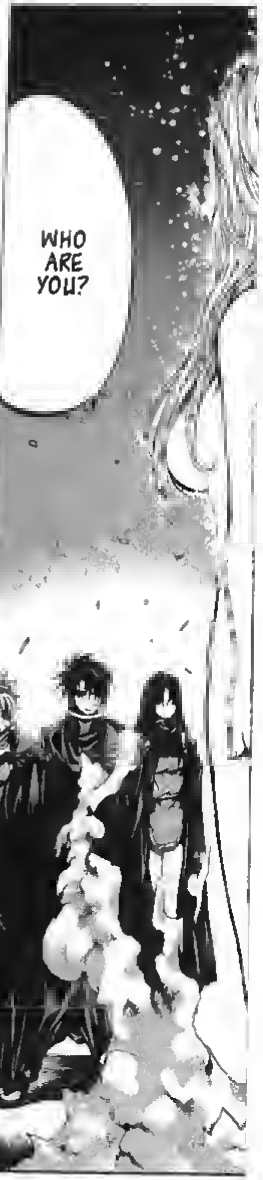
AND YOU! WHY ARE YOU NAKED?! WHY DON'T YOU PUT SOME CLOTHES ON?!
?
OH MY! I BEG YOUR PARDON.
I SUPPOSE I SHOULD PUT SOME CLOTHES ON.

I CAN'T SENSE ANYTHING FROM HER!


WHO ARE YOU?

AH! WAH! SHE'S...SHE'S NAKED!!! SHANNON-NII!

DIVINE PUNISHMENT !!

PACIFICA CASULL.
?!
YOU MUST BE HER GUARDIANS, SHANNON CASULL AND RAQUEL CASULL.
HOW DO YOU KNOW OUR NAMES?
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF BEING YOUR ENEMY
YOU DON'T SEEM TO BE HOSTILE...

.....
I HAVEN'T INTRODUCED MYSELF I AM X-I-W-A-N-G-M-U.
PLEASE CALL ME XI WANG MU.
AND YOU ARE...?

THAT IS THE LAST MISSION THAT I HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH.
THOUGH THE WAY I AM NOW, THAT IS ALL I CAN DO...
I WANTED YOU TO KNOW...
..YOU ARE OUR LAST HOPE.
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL US BY SHOWING US THESE THINGS?
OY!
WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

I HAVE BEEN WATCHING.
..YOU THREE, AND THIS WORLD.
UNTIL YOU ARRIVED HERE...
..YOU HAVE BEEN SEEING PART OF MY MEMORIES.
DO YOU MEAN...
...THOSE ILLUSIONS?
FROM THE PAST TO THE PRESENT. AND INTO THE FUTURE...
TO CONTINUE TO WATCH OVER THE ENTIRE FLOW OF TIME...

TARGET CONFIRMED

PACIFICA! GET BACK!!
PURGE!!

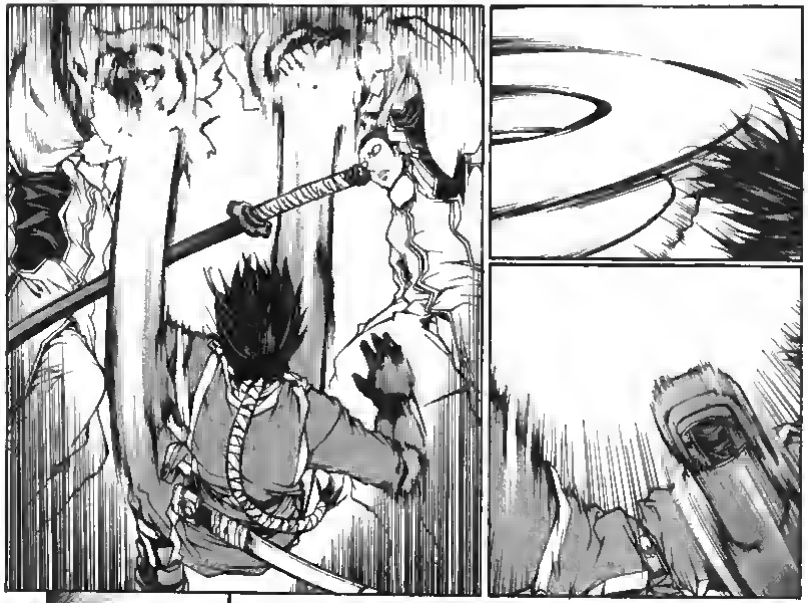
I APOLOGIZE I HAVE SPOKEN FOR TOO LONG IT SEEMS THAT OTHER GUESTS ARE APPROACHING.
WHY DO HER EYES LOOK SO SAD WHEN SHE SPEAKS?

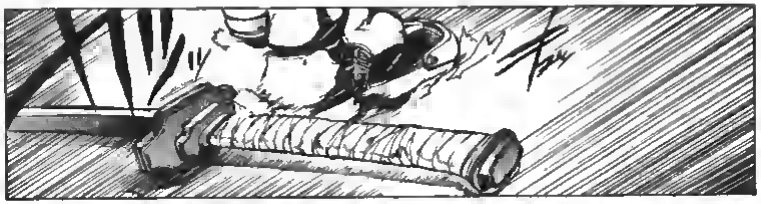
—NOT HAVE FELT THEIR PRESENCE?
HOW COULD I...

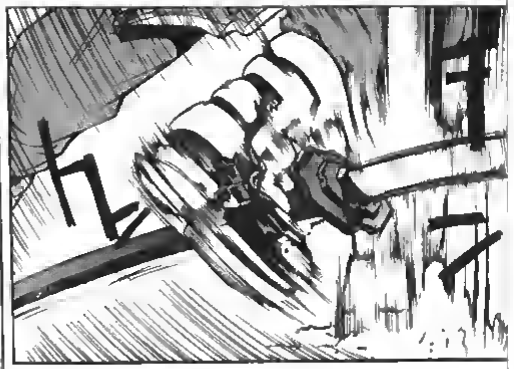
?!
KAQUEL!!
?!
THEY'RE AFTER PACIFICA !!
GET AWAY FROM HER!

I CAN'T USE MAGIC WITH THEM SURROUNDING HIM LIKE THAT.
SHANNON-NII!!!

ALMOST THERE...
TWO MORE!!
MY SWORD...







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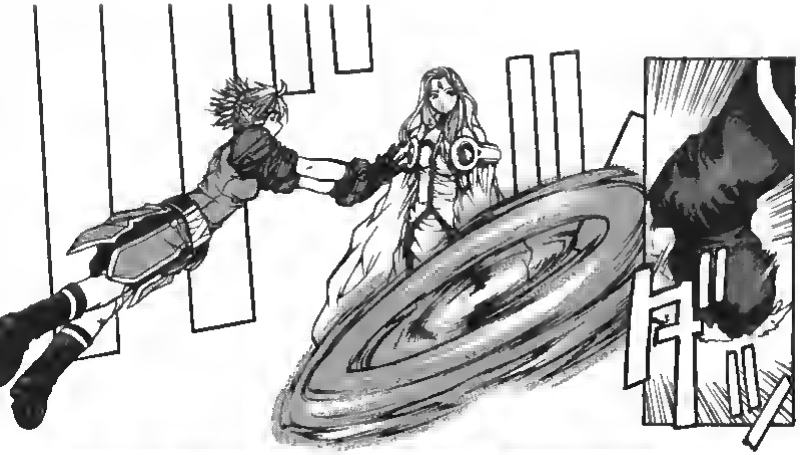


IT'S ALL RIGHT.
WALL, OBSTRU--
PACIFICA!
I...

TCH!!
LOOK OUT!
DAMN!!

...CAN'T
I.
—TAKE IT ANYMORE! ALL THIS SACRIFICE BECAUSE OF ME!!
IF YOU WERE TO DIE...
!!
SEE WITH YOUR OWN EYES... HOPE.
FUTABA... MASTER...
NOT AS A WEAPON... AS A COMRADE IN ARMS, RIGHT?
I WON'T LET ANYONE ELSE DIE. WE'LL ALL GO HOME ALIVE WITHOUT FAIL—

...WILL PROTECT HER.
YOU MUSTN'T BE RECKLESS
PACIFICA CASULL...

PACIFICA CASULL...
YOU ARE THE PROVIDENCE BREAKER.
THEREFORE, MANY TRIALS AWAIT YOU.
AT TIMES, PEOPLE MAY DENY YOUR VERY EXISTENCE.
ANYONE MAY BECOME YOUR ENEMY.
BUT...
ALWAYS BELIEVE IN YOURSELF.
BECAUSE THERE IS HOPE IN YOUR HEART.

WHY ARE YOU PINCHING ME?
OUCH~
I DON'T THINK SO.
THAT WASN'T A DREAM, WAS IT?
HEY, SHANNON-NII.
YEAH?
YOUR FEELINGS WILL SURELY BE UNDERSTOOD...
SURELY, IF YOU ARE THE ONE.
NOW I MUST BID YOU FAREWELL.
I WISH YOU HAPPINESS, PACIFICA CASULL.
THAT WOMAN FELT... SOOTHING, YOU KNOW?
YEAH

Chapter Five: Kaphir Part One
OOHH!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, SHANNON?
BY THE WAY...
YOU WANNA HIRE ME?
I SEE THEN I SHOULD TELL YOU THE BEST PLACES TO GET GOOD EGGS AROUND HERE
YEP. I COULD EAT THEM FOR EVERY MEAL AND NOT GET SICK OF THEM!!
I SEE YOU LIKE TO EAT EGGS, OJOU-CHAN
I CAN'T REALLY REMEMBER, BUT...
IT KINDA FELT LIKE I WAS BEING COMFORTED BY MY MOTHER
WHAT SHE SAID MADE ME FEEL A LITTLE BETTER
LIKE I WAS MEANT TO BE HERE
WHAT? YOU'RE JUST NOW REALIZING THAT?

Chapter Five: Kaphir Part One

WHA--?!!
?!
?!
HEY. A BUNCH OF IDIOTS NOT WATCHING THEIR BACKS.
YOU TOO?
ATTACK!!
DAMN LITTLE GIRL!
AAHH!
PEOPLE OF FLAME, DANCE!
AHHH...
RAQUEL...
YES ?
THE GOVERNMENT HAS AN ENORMOUS BOUNTY ON THEIR HEADS!
D-D-DON'T BACK DOWN!

MY NAME IS KUPHIR.
AND YOU'RE THE INFAMOUS SCRAPPED PRINCESS PARTY, RIGHT?
?!
WAIT A MINUTE!
WHY NOT HIRE ME AS A BODYGUARD?
I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU

?!
BRAVO!!
. . . .
YOU'RE DAMN GOOD, BUT YOU SHOULD WATCH YOUR BACK
THANKS FOR THE ADVICE. BUT WHO ARE YOU?
WHO IS THIS GUY?!

*otchan: old man

*ojou-chan: young lady

I'M SORRY FOR INTERRUPTING.

IT SEEMS AN ENEMY IS APPROACHING.

BUT THIS TIME, WE'VE INCREASED OUR NUMBERS, AND ARRANGED A DECOY FORCE.

WE WERE CARELESS THIS AFTERNOON.

WHAT?

SHANNON, THERE ARE MORE ENEMIES HIDING IN ANOTHER DIRECTION.
WITH THIS PLAN, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CREATE AN OPENING.

SORRY FOR LEAVING YOU WITH MY SISTER
NO BIG DEAL.

AAAHH!
RAQUEL-NEE!

YOU GUYS JUST SEEM LIKE YOU'D BE A LOT OF FUN TO BE AROUND.
OH...I DON'T REALLY NEED ANY MONEY.
NO?
YOU KNOW WE CAN'T PAY YOU ANY MONEY.
BY THE WAY, WHY ARE YOU TAGGING ALONG WITH US?
.....

YEAH!
SHANNON!

THE FIGHTING HAS BEGUN.
I GUESS I'LL GET STARTED TOO.
IT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO TAKE CARE OF THE ENEMY IN FRONT OF ME.

WELL THEN, I'M OFF.
MAN! WHEN WILL THEY LEARN?
IT'S THE SAME MEN WHO ATTACKED US THIS AFTERNOON.
OH MY!

.....
HEH HEH.
HERE'S MY CHANCE TO SHOW YOU WHAT I CAN DO.

LEAVE IT TO ME, OKAY? IT'S MORE EXCITING WHEN THERE'S A CHALLENGE!!
THERE ARE MORE OF THEM THAT WAY. CAN YOU HANDLE IT?
OTCHAN, WILL YOU BE OKAY?
YOU STAY HERE AND PROTECT OJOU-CHAN.

...YOU BETTER COME AT ME LIKE YOU MEAN IT!!
IF YOU'RE GONNA FIGHT ME...

HEY! WE MEET AGAIN!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
WELL, I NOW WORK FOR THOSE PEOPLE YOU ARE AFTER
?
YOU'RE THAT GUY FROM THIS AFTERNOON!!

EEP!
HA HA HA HA!
WAAAHH!

K-K-KILL HIM!!

PHEW!
SHANNON, GO HELP KUFHIR.
THAT SMELL...
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.
YEAH. I KNOW

DIEEE!!

.....
LEAVE, NOW!!
HISS!!
SO LONG!
EEEK~

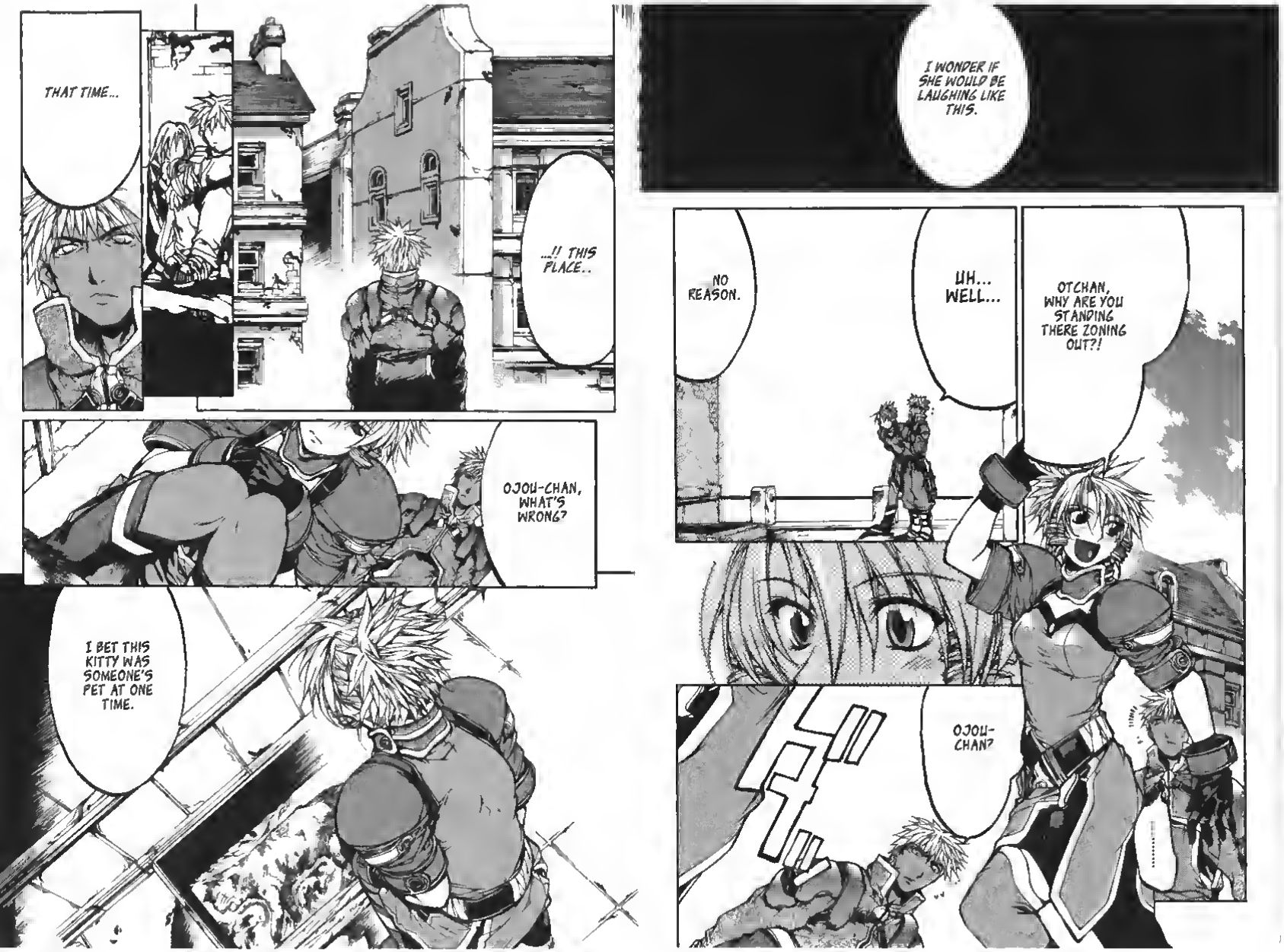
KUPHIR !!
WHY DID YOU KILL THEM?
THERE WAS NO NEED TO GO SO FAR!
WITH THAT MUCH SKILL, YOU CAN DEFEAT THEM WITHOUT KILLING THEM, CAN'T YOU?!!
DON'T BE STUPID. IF YOU DON'T KILL THEM, THEY'LL JUST KEEP COMING BACK.
AND WHAT ABOUT YOU..?
YOU JUST HAVEN'T REALIZED IT YET.
YOU WANT TO FIGHT SO BAD, YOU CAN'T STAND IT, CAN YOU?
OTHERWISE, YOU WOULDN'T GO TO SO MUCH TROUBLE TO LET THEM LIVE

I THINK IT MAY BE THAT MY HANDS HAVE BEEN COVERED IN BLOOD
HOW DID I GET THIS WAY?
...SINCE THE DAY MY LITTLE SISTER WAS KILLED
IF...I COULD HAVE PROTECTED MY SISTER, MAYBE I WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LIVE A MORE HONEST LIFE
YOU AND I ARE EXACTLY THE SAME!
.....
...I...

Chapter Six: Kaphir Part Two

MMMM. THOSE EGGS WERE SO GOOD.
I'M STUFFED.
Man!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU ATE SIX SERVINGS.
SHEESH I'M NO MATCH FOR YOU, OJOU-CHAN
IF SHE WAS ALIVE...
LITTLE SISTER, HUH?

YOU AND I ARE THE SAME.
WHAT IF HE'S RIGHT AND I JUST HAVEN'T NOTICED?
WHAT IF I DO ENJOY FIGHTING?!


THAT TIME...
...!! THIS PLACE..
OJOU-CHAN, WHAT'S WRONG?
I BET THIS KITTY WAS SOMEONE'S PET AT ONE TIME.
I WONDER IF SHE WOULD BE LAUGHING LIKE THIS.
NO REASON.
UH... WELL...
OTCHAN, WHY ARE YOU STANDING THERE ZONING OUT?!
OJOU-CHAN?

LIFE IS MORE IMPORTANT, MORE PRECIOUS THAN THAT.
LIFE... HUH?

JUST LIKE ME...SHE WAS THROWN AWAY BECAUSE IT WAS CONVENIENT.
SHE REALLY SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LIVE LONGER.
HOW CAN PEOPLE DO THIS?

SHANNON-NII!!
.....?!
WHAT'S WRONG SHANNON?

YEAH.
WAIT FOR ME, OKAY?
I'LL STICK AROUND HERE FOR A LITTLE WHILE.
.....
I'M GOING TO GO BURY HER.
.....
I'M SORRY...
...THIS IS ALL I CAN DO FOR YOU.
IS THIS A GOOD SPOT?

THERE THEY ARE
?!
SORRY.

SHUT HER UP!!
WHA?
AREN'T YOU ASHAMED OF TAKING SUCH A HELPLESS GIRL HOSTAGE?!! MISCREANTS!!
ESPECIALLY YOUR BROTHER AND THAT MAN!!
I NEED TO THANK YOU PROPERLY.
AFTERWARD, I'LL COOK YOU NICE AND SLOW.
WITH YOU AS OUR HOSTAGE, YOUR SIBLINGS CAN'T INTERFERE.

KUPHIR!!
SHEESH. I'M TELLING YOU, DON'T WORRY.
I SAID LEAVE IT TO ME. DIDN'T I?
.....

YOU'VE DONE A FINE JOB OF DISGRACING ME, UNTIL NOW!!
WOULD YOU MIND THROWING DOWN YOUR WEAPONS? YOU CAN SEE THIS, CAN'T YOU?
OOHH...
NO! WAIT!
LEAVE THIS TO ME.
WITH HIM SO CLOSE TO HER, HIS DAGGER WILL GET THERE FASTER THAN YOUR MAGIC.

NOW!

HEY, MUSTACHE-GUY!
I'M THE ONE YOU WANT TO KILL, AREN'T I?
LOOK, I'M UNARMED.
UGH... STAY BACK!
THEN YOU DIE FIRST!!
SEE?
IF YOU THRUST YOUR SWORD AT ME, YOU COULD KILL ME.

THE COLOR OF HIS DAGGER... IT CAN'T BE.
I WON'T MAKE IT IN TIME!!

RAQUEL!!
WALL, OBSTRUCT!
GUH! KILL THE SCRAPPED PRINCESS!!

I'LL JUST LICK IT AND IT'LL HEAL
ANYWAY
OTCHAN, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
SORRY...BUT I'M GOING TO HAVE TO RETIRE HERE. IF I'M WITH YOU, NO MATTER HOW MANY LIVES I HAVE, IT WON'T BE ENOUGH.
I SEE.
THAT'S OKAY

GAAHH!
MJOLLNIR, STRIKE!
OTCHAN !!
WH-WHY YOU!

THERE'S SOME-THING I NEED TO TELL HIM.
SORRY, BUT COULD YOU WAIT HERE FOR A MINUTE?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
DON'T BE TOO LONG.
OH.
KUPHIR?
.....
YOU FOUND ME MAN, I MUST LOOK PRETTY PATHETIC
OTCHAN! THANKS FOR EVERYTHING!!
SEE YA, SHANNON.
YEAH! BE WELL. DON'T GET SICK FROM EATING TOO MUCH.
.....

PACIFICA..
SHE'S STUPID.
SHE THINKS EVERYONE'S PAIN IS HER FAULT. SHE'S THAT KIND OF PERSON.
TO PROTECT HER.
...AND TO KEEP HER FROM BEING SAD, I HAVE TO BE STUPID, TOO.

I THINK THERE WAS SOME KIND OF ANESTHETIC ON THEIR DAGGERS.
WHAT WRONG? WHY ARE YOU SITTING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
IT MUST BE BOTHERING YOU THAT I SAID YOU AND I ARE THE SAME.
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING.
BUT...
...BUT I PROBABLY AM THE SAME AS YOU
I HATE TO ADMIT IT...
YEAH.

STAY HEALTHY.
YEAH, YOU TOO!
WELL, YOU BETTER GET GOING.
OJOU-CHAN WILL BE WORRIED
DAMN! EVEN AT THE VERY END...
...STILL COVERED IN BLOOD...

HEH!
STUPID, HUH? THAT'S FINE.
I WISH I COULD HAVE BEEN STUPID LIKE THAT
WHAT YOU DID BACK THERE WAS PRETTY STUPID
HA HA. THANKS.
THAT'S WHY.
I DON'T APPROVE OF THE WAY YOU DO THINGS.
I JUST NEED TO REST A LITTLE AND I'LL BE FINE.
YEAH.
ARE YOU GOING TO BE OKAY?
THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO SAY.

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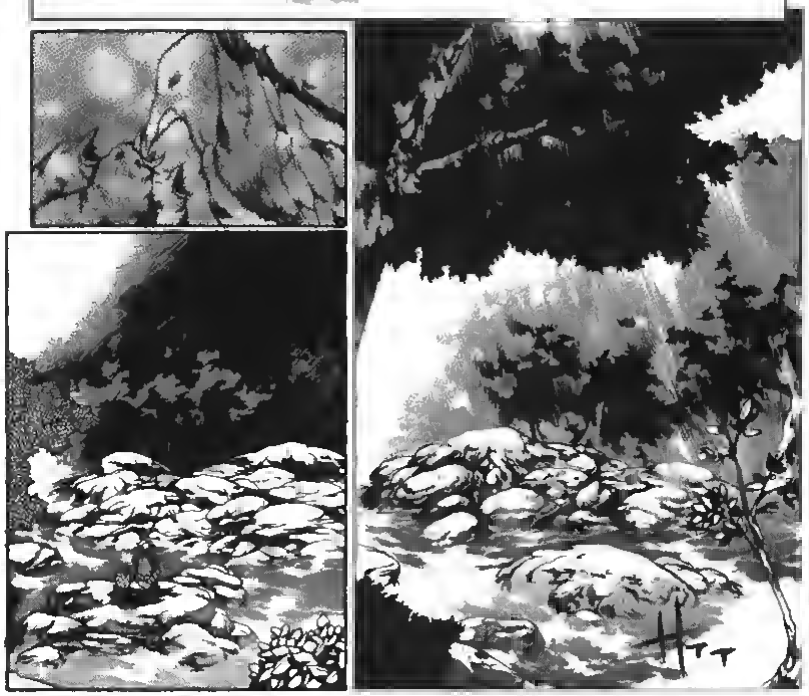
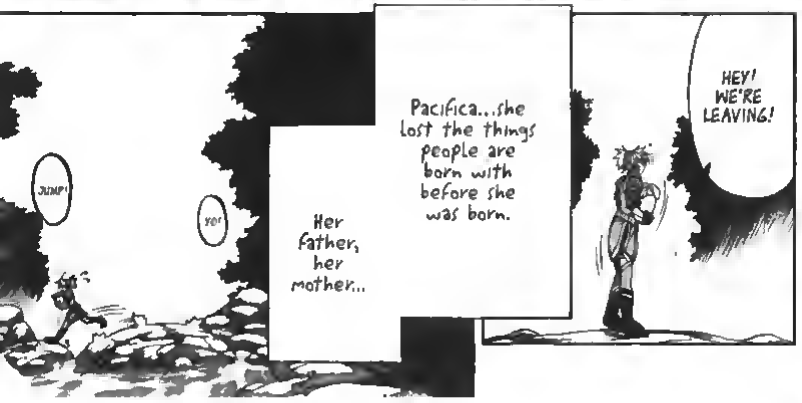
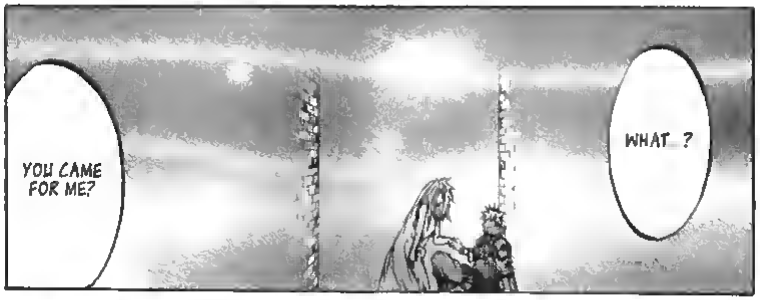



JUMP!
yo!
Her father, her mother...
Pacifica...she lost the things people are born with before she was born.
HEY! WE'RE LEAVING!


YOU CAME FOR ME?
WHAT ?

Call it justice or ideals. It's nothing that impressive. I just don't like the idea of her not being here.
That's why I will always protect her. That's what I've decided.
OKAAY!
I'M COMING!

ALL RIGHT!
PREPARATIONS COMPLETE!!
I will protect Pacifica
That feeling will never change.
THEN LET'S GO!
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